

HONORING ANNE STARR AS IOWAN
OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 3, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Anne Starr who is the CEO of Orchard Place in Des Moines. May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and I couldn't think of a better advocate and leader on mental health than Mrs. Starr.

Orchard Place works closely with children and youth who have mental health illnesses, behavioral health challenges, battle substance abuse, suffer from trauma, and more. Through early intervention and appropriate care, Orchard Place is developing strong futures for children and their families. Orchard Place offers comprehensive mental health and behavioral health services designed specifically for children and adolescents. These services are delivered by compassionate and highly trained physicians, nurses, therapists, social workers, residential treatment staff, and psychologists. Our behavioral and mental health services include mental health consultation, psychiatric therapy, residential treatment, outpatient mental health therapy, school-based therapy, social skill development, and many more great services.

Anne Starr is a native Iowan, graduating from Fort Dodge High School, the University of Northern Iowa with a BA in Psychology, and from the University of Iowa with a master's in social work. She has been in the human services delivery field for more than 30 years. Her career began as a live-in direct care staff in a residential group care setting. She spent fifteen years as a mental health clinician at Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Orchard Place, and in private practice. During the past 20 years, she has served in administrative roles as a Senior Vice President of Program and Policy for Mosaic with corporate headquarters in Omaha, NE; President and CEO of Buckhorn Children and Family Services, with corporate headquarters in Buckhorn, KY; and Executive Director of Hamilton County's Child Welfare Collaborative in Cincinnati, OH. Starr returned to Orchard Place as the CEO in March of 2013. She has been involved in children's mental health and disability public policy and advocacy efforts across multiple states and at the federal level.

Each year, Anne, and her team at Orchard Place work with around 8,000 children and adolescents of all ages from all over Iowa who need individual help and support. Their goal is to help develop strong futures for children suffering from mental illnesses, behavioral health challenges, substance abuse issues, severe trauma, and more. Under Anne's leadership, she and her team have changed thousands of lives and made our community stronger and helped to destigmatize mental health. I will continue to fight in Congress to support leaders like Anne and organizations like Orchard Place to ensure Iowans have access to the mental health care that they need. It is my pleasure to recognize Anne Starr as Iowan of the Week.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, SPIRIT,
AND LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE
REVEREND THOMAS JAMES, SVD

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise to remember the life, spirit, and leadership of Reverend Thomas James, SVD, the Divine Word Missionaries.

It is with great honor, admiration, and deep privilege that we celebrate the life of Rev. Thomas Anthony James, SVD, who died peacefully on Friday, October 28, after a lifetime of priestly service. He was born on June 11, 1942, in St. Martinville, Louisiana, to Collins Henry James, Sr., and Eva Anthony James and is the eldest of three children.

Father James was educated at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School in St. Martinville. He pursued his studies at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Auxiliary Bishop Warren Boudreaux of the Diocese of Lafayette on December 18, 1969. Recognizing the need for and importance of increasing vocations to the priesthood among African Americans, Father James became an active member of the Black Clergy Association and devoted himself to that cause and to his ministry.

His first assignment was at Verbum Dei Catholic High School in Los Angeles, California, where he served as Teacher and Principal for almost 20 years. He returned to Louisiana in 1987 and was named Associate Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lafayette. The following year, he was named Pastor at St. Edward Catholic Church in New Iberia and served as Episcopal Vicar of the South Region of the Diocese of Lafayette under Bishop Edward O'Donnell.

In 2002, Father James returned to Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lafayette to serve as Pastor. This church had been built to accommodate the "First Four" African American priests ordained in the United States, and several of them had been stationed there. A deep historian, Father James connected the parish and its people to the "First Four," understanding their struggles and persevering in service with gratitude. One of his proudest accomplishments was erecting a Memorial to these "First Four" African American Priests on the grounds of Immaculate Heart.

In 2015, Father James was named Pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Broussard, and St. Anthony Mission Chapel in Cade. During his time at Immaculate Heart and in Broussard, Father James served as Episcopal Vicar of the Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette under Bishop Michael Jarrell and for a brief time under Bishop Douglas Deshotel. In addition, he served three terms as Vice-Provincial for the Southern Province of the Divine Word Ministries and served several terms on the Provincial Council. He dedicated himself to mentoring young priests throughout the course of his ministry, and he embraced a paradigm of truth and service in his quest to share God's Word and open hearts, one person at a time.

He was dedicated to service in his support of Miles Perret Cancer Services, Veterans programs, and Hospice of Acadiana, where he

served on the Board of Directors. He loved teaching, reading, enjoying time with his friends, fishing, and listening to music. He was a great storyteller, and most of all, he loved to serve God's people and he loved being with his family, whom he cherished so deeply.

Father James was preceded in death by his parents, Collins and Eva James, his nephew and Godson, Collins James III, great-nephew Christian James Batiste, great-niece Skylar Elizabeth Batiste, and great-nephew Denzel Anthony Batiste; and a host of other relatives.

He is survived by his siblings, Sister Geneva James, SSF, and Collins James, Jr. and his wife, Hazel; his niece Louise and her husband, Amos Batiste, Jr.; great nephews Dylan and Tyler Batiste and Brandon Chapman; great-nieces Naseyani and Khylee James and their mother, Forqueena James; and a host of relatives and friends.

I'm sending prayers to Father James' family, friends, students, colleagues, and church community.

He will be so missed.

I take comfort that now, he is at peace with his Savior in heaven.

IN RECOGNITION OF MS.
MAGAZINE

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

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Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ms. Magazine for its work to provide comprehensive coverage of women's issues and to celebrate the magazine's fiftieth anniversary.

When feminist activists Gloria Steinem and Dorothy Pittman Hughes started Ms. Magazine in December 1971 with a 40-page insert inside New York magazine, few could have predicted its longevity and its far-reaching impact. But the magazine immediately struck a chord with women, selling 300,000 copies in eight days and generating 26,000 subscription orders and more than 20,000 reader letters within weeks.

While most magazines marketed to women at the time emphasized domestic topics such as the importance of finding a husband, Ms. Magazine featured stories on prominent women's issues including abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, domestic violence, and sexual harassment.

In July 1972, the first issue of Ms. Magazine was published with an image of Wonder Woman on the cover. In the same issue, 53 women, including Billie Jean King, Nora Ephron, and Gloria Steinem, signed a "we have had abortions petition," one year before the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

In the years following, Ms. Magazine has covered and influenced the feminist movement. On a personal note, the magazine also profoundly impacted my career aspirations and legislative agenda in both the New York City Council and in Congress.

Over the course of my career, I didn't have to call Ms. five times to convince them to cover issues and legislation like the Debbie Smith Act, the horrific crime of sex trafficking, and the Equal Rights Amendment.

Ms. also faithfully chronicled my 20-year fight to create the National Women's History